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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Application to Participate in the IRS Acceptance Program.**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the IRS's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Application to Participate in the IRS Acceptance Agent Program. Form 13551 is used to gather information to determine applicant's eligibility in the Acceptance Agent Program.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Paul Adams, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION :** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Sara

Covington, at (737) 800-6149 or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20224, or through the Internet at Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Title: Application to Participate in the IRS Acceptance Agent Program.

OMB Number: 1545-1896.

Form Number: 13551.

Abstract: Form 13551 is used by all persons who wish to participate in the TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number) Acceptance Agent Program must apply by completing this application. Acceptance Agents are individuals or entities (colleges, financial institutions, accounting firms, etc.) that have entered into formal agreements with IRS that permit them to assist alien individuals and other foreign persons with obtaining TINs.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal, state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,422.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,211.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections

of

information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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